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Perry Foundation recognizes Nevada's top-performing Nursing Homes and Caregivers

RENO – The Perry Foundation Endeavor Awards recently recognized the state's top-performing health care facilities and health care professionals working in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Communities with an event at Bears Best Golf Resort on June 14.

The Perry Foundation is a non-profit organization that improves the quality of care residents receive in Nevada's Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Communities by providing education to the health care professionals working in these communities. The Endeavor Awards are the annual program, honoring these individuals whom excel in providing outstanding care.

"Endeavor Award" recipients in Southern Nevada:

- Achievement in Social Work – **Steve Hojjat**, Marquis Plaza Regency
- Extraordinary Therapist – **Carrie Walters**, Silver Hills Healthcare Center
- Activities Program Excellence – **The Expressions Community**, Prestige Senior Living at Mira Loma
- Innovation in Dining – **Michael Irwin** – The Wentworth of Las Vegas
- Distinguished Nurse Educator – **Sally Gray**, Nevada State Veterans Home
- Outstanding Nurse Leader – **Corine Watson**, Nevada State Veterans Home
- Caregiver of the Year – **Candy Morrison**, Desert Springs Senior Living

- Certified Nurse Assistant of the Year – **Janice McShane**, White Pine Care Center
- Administrator of the Year – **Julie Mason**, Silver Ridge Healthcare Center
- Gold Endeavor Award – For Quality of Care in an Assisted Living Community
The Wentworth of Las Vegas, Las Vegas
- Award of Excellence (*This award is given to the top performing facility in the entire state of Nevada*) - For Superior Care in a Nursing Home
Highland Manor of Mesquite, Mesquite.
- Silver Endeavor Award - For Quality of Care Excellence in a Nursing Home
Torrey Pines Rehabilitation Hospital, Las Vegas
- Bronze Endeavor Award - For Quality of Care Excellence in a Nursing Home
CareMeridian 4 kids, Las Vegas

“The Perry Foundation promotes quality care by recognizing the top-performing communities and health care professionals,” said Robert Kidd, foundation president. “We spend a great deal of time, analyzing the needs of the caregivers of which we build educational programs around, all with the goal of improving the quality of care the residents in the buildings are receiving.”

According to Kidd, the Foundation last year awarded more than 2,000 continuing education units to licensed administrators, executive directors, licensed nurses, and social workers throughout Nevada. The Foundation has also provided hundreds of hours of in-house education and training for health care facilities and communities. In 2016, the Foundation has embarked on a collaboration with the Sanford Center for Aging at UNR to bring the Culture Change movement to Nevada. In addition, the Foundation has been approved for a grant from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare to launch the Nevada Music & Memory Initiative, bringing the nationally acclaimed Music & Memory program to Nevada. This will improve the quality of life for over a thousand individuals residing in Nevada Nursing Homes with Alzheimer’s or other dementia related diseases.

About the Perry Foundation

The Perry Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-provider-based charitable foundation that, through community awareness and donor support, is committed to providing education to Nevada’s post-acute provider and regulatory community. Through this education, the foundation

improves the quality of care provided to the residents of Nevada's post-acute community, which includes skilled nursing and assisted living facilities. For more information, visit: www.PerryFoundationNV.org .

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